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SUBJECT: SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING: SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S
CALL ON PRIME MINISTER

1. AS EMBASSY SEES IT, SECDEF'S CALL ON PRIME MINISTER
KIM CHONG P'IL WILL BE PRIMARILY COURTESY IN NATURE.
2. IN HIS RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH VARIOUS VISITING
CONGRESSMEN, PRIME MINISTER HAS TAKEN TO GIVING VERY
HARD-LINE EXPOSITION OF HIS VIEWS REGARDING DUTIES AND
OBLIGATIONS OF U.S., TO MAINTAIN FIRM POSTURE AGAINST
COMMUNIST THREAT, CENTERING AROUND THEME THAT ONLY U.S.
CAN PROVIDE LEADERSHIP OF FREE WORLD. HE HAS USUALLY,
BUT NOT ALWAYS, TOPPED THIS OFF WITH STATEMENT OF
ROK'S DETERMINATION TO BUILD UP ITS OWN DEFENSE
CAPABILITIES AND THEREBY REDUCE BURDEN ON U.S. SINCE
THIS HAS BECOME VIRTUAL LITANY, IT LIKELY TO BE
REPEATED DURING SECDEF'S CALL.
3. PRIME MINISTER IS NORMALLY NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED
IN MATTERS AFFECTING U.S.-ROK SECURITY RELATIONSHIP.
HIS OPINIONS CARRY CONFIDABLE WEIGHT, HOWEVER, AND
SINCE HIS OLDER BROTHER, KIM CHONG NAK, IS DEEPLY
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INVOLVED ON FINANCIAL END OF FRENCH WEAPONS DEALS,
SECRETARY MIGHT BE PREPARED DISCREETLY TO STRESS
NECESSITY OF MAINTAINING WEAPONS COMPATABILITY
BETWEEN U.S. AND ROK FORCES AND IN GENERAL TO AIR

U.S. VIEWS ABOUT ROK PURCHASES OF THIRD-COUNTRY
WEAPONS SYSTEMS.
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